

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM: 5.A (1)

DATE: January 24, 2013

SUBJECT: New Prefix Request - NSU

NSU has submitted a request for authorization to create a new prefix: EAP, English for Academic Purposes (see Attachment I).

Members of the Council should be prepared to raise any issues.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval.



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TO: Sam Gingerich
System Vice President for Academic Affairs

FROM: Thomas Hawley, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

DATE: November 29, 2012

SUBJECT: New Prefix Request from NSU

The purpose of this memo is to request a new prefix for Northern State University. Currently our Intensive English Program has been using the prefix of ENGL or IDL for its remedial courses (with the topics number). After careful consideration, the following proposal was submitted.

The mission of the Northern State University Intensive English Program (IEP) is to provide all students who do not speak English as their first language with a challenging English language program that prepares them to participate and succeed in any academic degree program at the undergraduate or graduate level in a U.S. university. There are four levels in the IEP: Pre-Beginner, Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. Once a student has successfully completed the Advanced Level, the English language requirement to enter NSU has been fulfilled. In order to successfully complete the Advanced Level, all required components of the Advanced Level must be completed, a writing sample must be submitted, an interview assessing oral fluency must be taken and an average score of 80 on the COMPASS ESL and 75 on the MTELP must be reached. The ESL Director will determine if a student successfully completes the requirements to complete the IEP or must repeat the level based on the outcome of the assessments.

To accomplish this Northern State University is asking that the course prefix EAP (English for Academic Purposes) be approved.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Hawley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Thomas Hawley
Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs